



**JUBILANT JETS**

The Metcalfe Jets have reason to smile. If the team's performance to date is any indication, the smiles will turn to brimming grins by the end of the season. Back row, from left: Bev Skillen, manager; Brian Laraby, assistant coach; Erin Franey, Randy Salmon, Barry Hills, Jeff Gerro, John Lawrence, Frank Testa, Ken Rousseau, statistic-

ion; Bob Gendron, coach. Middle row: Paul Pritchard, Paul Nooyen, Tyrone Franey, Tom Bissionnette, Kevin Jardine, Bill Wammes, president. Front: Rick Nesseth, Jeff Holmes, Errol Straby. Absent from the photograph are Steve Fox, Thom Racine, Mike Byron, Barry Hicks, Billy Wammes, trainer. (Mary Rowsell photo).

**Jets well balanced**

This year's edition of the Metcalfe Jets junior hockey team is starting to put it all together as the season is approaching its most critical stage-play-off time. Following a lack-lustre effort last season it is obvious that the Jet management did some work

during the summer months and it is now paying dividends. A good recruiting job was carried out and the recent acquisition of Steve Fox, a former Russell Raider, is probably the key to any future successes of the Jets. Fox is a smart hockey player, well disciplined and one of the better goal scorers and play-makers in Junior B hockey. Also helping considerably is the recent addition of John Lawrence along with first year players Rick Nesseth and Barry Hills as well as Paul Nooyen.

balance this season not only with acquisition of recent players but veterans such as Thom Racine, Frank Testa and Barry Hicks showing improved scoring ability. Thom Racine has also impressed as a team leader. The Jets could surprise a lot of the front-runners come play-off time. Metcalfe and District hockey fans, obviously enjoying the brand of hockey the Jets are playing, are turning out in increasing numbers at each home game. Check your schedule and be sure to drop in at the next Jet home game to see Junior B hockey at its best.

The club has more scoring

**SCIHL Tournament**

The South Carleton Intermediate Hockey League will be holding its second annual tournament at the Dr. Frank Kinnaird Community Centre in Russell from February 23-25. A total of 16 teams will be competing for \$1,000.00 prize money. In addition the championship team will receive the Russell Lions Trophy while the winner of the consolation round will be awarded the Manotick Kiwanis Trophy. Last year's winner, Potsdam, will be back to defend the championship. Other teams entered to date include Morrisburg, Orleans, Kingston, Kars (last year's consolation champs), Stittsville, Osgoode, Glen Cairn, Richmond and of course our own Russell Raiders who currently hold down second spot in the league.

A full week-end of activities are planned. Play gets underway Friday evening with the first of three games scheduled to begin at 8:00 p.m. Action will continue all day Saturday and Sunday with the consolation final scheduled for 6:00 p.m. Sunday to be followed immediately by the Championship game. On Friday evening a Disco Dance will be held upstairs in the arena hall and Saturday night you can dance to the music of Westburg Union at the same location.

The tournament should provide area fans with some of the best intermediate hockey played all year. Last year's tournament was highlighted by fast, clean hockey and tournament organizers are confident that more of the same is in store for the February 23-25 week-end.

**R.A. in hot water**

The Dr. Frank Kinnaird Community Centre has received a \$1,200 grant from Wintario to pay for a new hot-water system for ice-flooding purposes. The hot-water system was installed last year.

A volunteer committee is planning for the building of a fitness and nature trail in the summer of 1979 on 13 acres of land on the south side of the Castor River across from the Russell Swimming Pool on Russell Township property. The trail will be used as a cross-country ski trail in the winter.

Russell has its share of volunteers. Local organizations like Russell Minor Hockey, the Figure Skating Club, the Lion's Club and others benefit from people who give their free time to support the community. Without volunteers, this or any other community wouldn't be the same. Get out and give some of your time to an organization!

Mothers shouldn't forget Mom's and Tots skating on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. You and your children deserve to get in shape and stay in shape.

Plan to attend the South Carleton Intermediate Hockey Tournament on Feb. 23, 23, and

25. A Minor Hockey Tournament will be held from March 19 to 23 commencing each day at 8 a.m. Both events will be held at the Dr. Frank Kinnaird Community Centre.

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**Jack McLaren Sports Ramblings**



In the September '78 issue of the Review I commented on the N.H.L. free agent draft. In particular I zeroed in on the Detroit Red Wing acquisition of free agent Rogatien Vachon from the Los Angeles Kings. At the time of writing, a decision had just been handed down by Ottawa Judge Huston who ruled that the Kings would receive Detroit rookie sensation Dale McCourt as compensation. I applauded this decision but no sooner was the ink dry when McCourt appealed and a higher U.S. Court overruled Huston's decision and McCourt was permitted to stay, at least temporarily, with Detroit. A final ruling is still pending in the courts.

Last season, the Detroit Olympia, as in the days of Howe, Delvechio and Lindsay, was hanging out the "standing room only" sign. Coach Bobby Kromm, hired the same year from the Winnipeg Jets, was being referred to as a genius. Manager Ted Lindsay, the tough outspoken battler, was being credited with turning Detroit hockey fortunes around and his "get tough" policy with players and their agents had proven immensely successful.

But Lindsay was unhappy with his goaltending situation and he opened the purse strings to acquire free agent Vachon, a 32 year old puck stopper from the Kings. The Wings were now on the way to the top.

What has transpired in the interim? Lindsay and his Red Wings are suffering through the most disastrous season any hockey team has endured. Kromm is no longer referred to as a genius, fans are staying at home to watch old movie re-runs and Lindsay has been noticeably silent. Goalie Vachon has been anything but brilliant and frequently draws jeers from the agitated fans while McCourt, to some degree, has been labouring under the sophomore jinx.

After watching Detroit play recently it is fairly obvious that not all team players are overjoyed that Mr. Vachon's exorbitant salary demands were met. Their performance was most uninspired. Of course, one cannot blame Vachon alone for the team's demise - in fact management is the culprit. There are a number of N.H.L. franchises in financial trouble and Detroit has proven that drafting free agents is not the road to recovery.

**LEVEL III CERTIFICATION**

Two local boys, Ian Wade and Bruce Cherry, were successful in achieving Level III officiating certification at the beginning of the 1979 hockey season. This enables Ian and Bruce to act as referees at all levels of minor hockey and as a linesman in Junior B and Intermediate B competition. In fact, you have probably noticed both of these young men in action at the Metcalfe and Russell arenas fairly regularly in the past few months. Congratulations to both as they now prepare for Level IV.

**Aylmer takes Tourney**

The Third Annual Russell Lions Midget "A" Hockey Tournament was a tremendous success with Aylmer winning the final game.

Aylmer advanced to the final by dumping Gloucester 3-2. Nepean doubled the count on Ottawa South 4-2 to gain a berth in the final game. In the final, it was Aylmer 3, Nepean 1. Incidentally, Aylmer went undefeated in the tournament, winning all five games.

Top scorers were Ward Bourgaize of Aylmer and John Thornton of South Ottawa both with six goals.

Many thanks to people who showed their hospitality to boys from Petawawa and Cobbin by offering billets for the weekend.

**Warriors struggling**

The Russell Warrior Intermediate, like any first year hockey team, are finding the going tough in the latter stages of the season. This is the time of year that play-off positions are won or lost. The team is faced with the task of needing to win all remaining games to be assured of a play-off spot, anything less and the situation becomes a bit dicey.

Despite the temptation to bring in outside help in the late stages of the season, management and coaching staff has stayed with all local talent throughout the season a policy they outlined at the first practice session. Although this decision may not balance the won-lost column it is most gratifying to see the team stay with the local boys even though it may mean an earlier end to the season then expected.

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